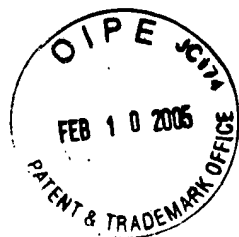


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: KENNETH W. LOCKE *et al.*

Application No.: 10/601,862

Group Art Unit: 1625

Filed: June 24, 2003

Examiner: Taylor V. Oh

For: The polymorphic form A of 4-[6-acetyl-3-[3-(4-acetyl-3-hydroxy-2-propylphenylthio)propoxy]-2-propylphenoxy]butyric acid

Attorney Docket No. 215233.00500

**AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2004, applicants request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks and petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response for three months from November 11, 2004 to February 11, 2005. A fee of \$1,020 is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1710. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims found on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks.**